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Master.—Do you act in conformity with those Rules ?

Introducer.—We do.

Master.—(Addressing himself to the Candidate)
—Friend, do you, of your own free will, desire to be admitted into our Loyal Association ?

Candidate.—I do.

Master.—Friend, kneel down.

The Candidate shall then kneel down at the table, (all the Brethren standing,) the Chaplain or Brother appointed shall read the following portions of Scripture :

O Lord God of our Fathers, art not Thou God in Heaven ? and rulest not Thou over the kingdoms of the heathen ? and in Thy hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand Thee ?
—II. Chron., c. xx., v. 6.

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the Gods ? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders : Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people whom Thou hast redeemed ; Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation.—Exod., c. xv. v. 11, 13.

And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt ; thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.—Exod., c. xiii., v. 16, 10.

Here the Obligation shall be administered by the Master :

ORANGE OBLIGATION.

I. A. B., do solemnly and voluntarily swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to Her lawful Heirs and Successors, in the Sovereignty of Great Britain and Ireland, and of these Provinces, dependant on and belonging to the said kingdom; so long as She or They shall maintain the Protestant Religion and the Laws of this country; that I will, to the utmost of my power, defend Them against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of them; that I will steadily maintain the connexion between the Colonies of British America and the Mother Country, and be ever ready to resist all attempts to weaken British influence, or dismember the British Empire; that I will be true and faithful to every Brother Orangeman in all just actions, neither wronging him, nor knowing him to be wronged or injured, without giving him due notice thereof, and preventing it if in my power. I swear that I will ever hold sacred the name of our Glorious Deliverer, King William the Third, Prince of Orange; in grateful remembrance of whom I solemnly promise, (if in my power,) to celebrate his victory over James, at the Boyne, in Ireland, by assembling with my Brethren, in their Lodge Room, on the 12th day of July in

every year ; I swear that I am not, nor ever will be, a Roman Catholic or Papist, nor will I Marry a Roman Catholic or Papist, nor Educate my Children, nor suffer them to be Educated in the Roman Catholic Faith ; nor am I now, nor ever will be, a member of any Society or body of men, that are enemies to Her Majesty and our glorious Constitution ; that I never was, to my knowledge or belief, rejected in or expelled from, any Orange Lodge : I further declare, that I will do my utmost, to support and maintain the Loyal Orange Institution ; obey all regular Summonses, and pay all just dues, (if in my power.) and observe and obey the Constitution and Laws of the same : and, lastly, I swear that I will always conceal, and never in any way whatsoever disclose or reveal, the whole, or any part, of the Signs, Words, or Tokens, that are now about to be privately communicated to me, unless I shall be duly authorized so to do, by the proper Authorities* of the Orange Institution, of which I am now about to become a member. So help my God, and keep me steadfast in this my Orangeman's Obligation.

The Chaplain, or Brother appointed, shall read the following portions of Scripture.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the Sons of God ! Therefore the world knoweth us not,

* The proper Authority is the Grand Lodge of British North America.

because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the Sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself even as He is pure. Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.—He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.—Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowells of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. And this is His commandment. That we should believe on the name of His

Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.—I. John c. iii. v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23.

Here the following Prayer shall be read (all kneeling.)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Judge of all men, to whom all hearts be open, and from whom no secrets are hid ; look down, we beseech Thee, upon us who are now assembled beneath Thy All-seeing eye Thou hatest the deceitful heart ; to Thee the false tongue is an abomination. Strengthen us, then, we implore Thee, that we may ever avoid falsehood, and cleave to that which is true ; dispose us to brotherly love and Christian charity, to be true and faithful to our Brethren in all just actions, and as we do now receive this dear friend into our Benevolent and Loyal Association, may we be admitted into Thy Heavenly Kingdom. In Thy name, and looking to Thy Providence to direct us to what is right, we do now receive this Thy Servant to a Membership in our Society, trusting that Thou wilt so guide and govern his heart and actions, that he may long continue an ornament to our Association, and a firm and steadfast supporter of Thy Church and People.—Amen.

The Candidate shall then rise, and the Master shall take him by the hand and say :—

We receive you, dear Brother, into the Religious and Loyal Association of Orangemen, trusting that you will abide a devoted servant of God, a true believer in His Son Jesus Christ, a faithful subject

of our Queen, and a supporter of our Constitution. Keep thou firm in the Protestant Faith: make yourself a friend of all pious and peaceable men, avoiding strife and seeking benevolence; slow to take offence and offering none. In the name of the Brotherhood, I bid you welcome, and I pray that you may long continue among them, a worthy Orangeman, fearing God and loving the Brotherhood, honoring the Queen and maintaining the Law.

The Signs and Passwords shall then be communicated to the new Brother, after which the Master shall say:

Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will towards men.—Luke, c. ii. v. 13.

The Signs and Passwords of the Association having been communicated to the new Brother, the Master shall deliver the following Charge:

BROTHER,—

The Mysteries and Secrets connected with the Orange Institution have now been communicated to you, and if you will only conform to the Obligation you have freely and voluntarily taken, we shall have cause to rejoice in the steps we have taken to initiate you: but should you fail to observe them, then will our sorrow be great: firstly on account of your fall, and secondly, on account of the injury that will thereby be done to our Institution.

I entreat you, let your Obligation be your guide! Should the perpetration of crime ever enter your

mind, reflect upon what you have now sworn—and let it be a check to any and every evil thought that human wickedness may suggest.

I have now further to admonish you against the snares that may be laid for you by our enemies, and to impress upon your mind the great value of caution—so that you will weigh well every word you may use in connexion with the Order. I further admonish you, to be ever watchful when the Order is at work, so that you may gain wisdom by listening to the advice and opinion of your seniors : and when you have heard, you will be wise to reflect and speak not—but that you treasure up the lessons in your heart, to the end that you may prove your great faith. There are two cardinal virtues which bind the Brotherhood of our Order—they are Union and Truth. By the honourable exercise of the latter, in your intercourse with the world, and especially with the Brotherhood, you will find that the former is to be, and will be maintained. Regard them, then, as the apple of your eye, only to be parted with in death.

I trust what I have said to you in the name of the Lodge will have its due weight : and now allow me to introduce you to those whom, hereafter, you are to regard as Brethren.

My Brethren, receive this Brother to your friendship and love.

The Brother shall then make obeisance to the Master, be welcomed individually by the Brethren,—and all present take their seats.

The Initiation Fee in this Order shall not be less than Five Shillings, nor more than Fifteen Shillings.

If more than one Candidate is Initiated, the Charge is to be reserved until all are introduced.

CLOSING PRAYER.

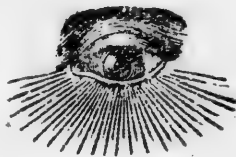
O God, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens, who has so often miraculously preserved thy Church and People from the secret contrivance and open violence of numerous conspirators, we bless and adore Thy gracious Majesty for Thy marvellous loving kindness to our Church and Nation, in the preservation of our Religion and Liberties and we humbly crave that the devout sense of Thy repeated mercies may renew and increase in us a spirit of Steady allegiance to our present gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, and a spirit of fervent zeal for our Holy Religion, which Thou hast so wonderfully rescued and continued, a blessing to us and to our posterity : all of which we humbly beg, for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.—Amen.

The Master shall then say.

I now declare this Loyal Orange Lodge, No.——
duly closed until the next regular meeting, except
in case of emergency, of which all Brethren shall
have due notice.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !



FORMS OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

At the General Election of Officers, in December, the Past, Master shall proceed to instal the newly elected Master, who shall then proceed to instal the Deputy-Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Committee-men. The Lodge shall be opened as usual—the Master elect taking his seat on the left of the Secretary—After the Lecture is repeated, the Past Master, turning to the Secretary, shall say :

Past Master.—Brother Secretary, upon whom has the choice of this Worshipful Lodge fallen, to be Master for the current year ?

Brother Secretary—Having every confidence in the Worshipful Brother——, and having had frequent proofs of his ability a. d desire to advance the cause of our glorious Institution, we have selected him for our Master, and now require his Installation. I now present to you Brother——.

Past Master.—Let us pray. (All kneel.)

O GREAT MASTER and creator of the World, disposer of life and death, we entreat Thee look down upon us with mercy, and bless our undertaking ! We humbly crave, that Thou wilt at all times give us wisdom to govern our own actions, and

judgment to guide the actions of those under our care; endue us with a desire to conduct all our undertakings in peace and brotherly love. Permit the Master of this Lodge to enjoy Thy grace, and give him the light of wisdom, so that he may impart it to those whose conduct he is called upon to scrutinize. May Faith, Hope, and Charity, Temperance, Prudence and Fortitude ever be his guide, and the guide of us all, for Christ's sake.

Lodge.—Amen.

Past Master.—Brother——, before you are sworn into the duties of office, let me ask you if you are prepared to act under the Rules and Regulations of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, and under any order that may be issued by its authority?

Master Elect.—I am

Past Master.—By this consent you take upon yourself various duties; not only will you be required to perform them yourself, which, from the fact of your being chosen to the station you are to occupy, is proof you will, but you assume the office of Guardian and Adviser to the Members of your Lodge. You will rebuke them for a violation of any portion of their obligation, as a superior Brother should rebuke an inferior. You are required to warn them that it is their duty to live peaceably with, and act honourably towards all men, and especially toward a Brother; that they are bound strictly to guard against all unworthy excesses,

whether of intemperance or otherwise ; to rebuke and admonish them who profane the Name of our Lord, or who are guilty of cursing or swearing. You will teach them to denounce an impostor, and to cherish the faithful amongst our Brethren.

Do you acknowledge these obligations to be your duty ?

Master Elect.—I do.

Past Master.—Will you endeavour, with the help of God, to discharge them ?

Master Elect.—I will

Then administer the Oath, (Members all standing.)

OBLIGATION of a MASTER.

I. A. B., swear that I do not undertake the office of Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage ; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Master to keep proper behaviour and sobriety in the Lodge over which I am to preside, and to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Association, by all the Members of my Lodge ; and lastly, I swear that I will not certify for any person without having first proved him, and being satisfied in my conscience that he is a person of good character.

The newly elected Master shall then take his seat, and administer the Oath to the other Officers, saying to each, as he swears them in :—

Master.—You have heard the duties which I have assumed for the sake of this Lodge, The like duties must you assume before you can be duly installed. Do you consent, as I have done, that these virtues and obligations shall be your guide ?

Answer.—I do.

OBLIGATION of a DEPUTY MASTER.

I. A. B., swear that I do not undertake the office of Deputy Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage ; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Deputy Master, to keep proper behaviour and sobriety in the lodge over which I am to preside, to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, by all the Members of the Lodge ; and lastly, I swear that I will not certify for any person, without having first proved him, and being satisfied, in my conscience, that he is a person of good character.

OBLIGATION of a TREASURER.

I, A. B., do swear that I will faithfully preserve all the Monies or other Property, that I may receive

for the use of my Lodge, and that I will fairly account for, and pay over the same, when requested so to do by the Master and Officers of the Lodge.

OBLIGATION of a SECRETARY.

I. A. B., do swear that I will faithfully preserve the Papers and all other documents of the Lodge, that may be committed to my charge ; that I will not myself, sign, or seal, or cause to be signed, or sealed, nor lend the Lodge seal so that it may be affixed to any forged paper or irregular Orangeman's Certificate ; and lastly, that I will deliver up all the property of the Lodge when requested by the Master and the other Officers of the Lodge so to do.

OBLIGATION of a COMMITTEE-MAN.

I. A. B., do solemnly swear that I will exercise the privileges, functions, and duties of a Committee-man, faithfully, conscientiously, and Impartially ; that I will use whatever influence I may possess for the benefit of my Lodge particularly ; and generally for the interest of the Order, to the best of my skill, knowledge, and cunning.

(The Committee may be all sworn together.)

CHAPLAIN.—Father of mercies look down upon us, with grace, and unite us still closer in the bond of union, by which we are united as one family,

give us wisdom to know thy ways, and a heart to love one another for our Saviour's sake.

"Behold how good a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity ! It is like the precious Ointment upon the Beard, even Aaron's Beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment ; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion ; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."—Psalm c. xxxi.

